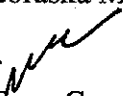



## PROVIDER BULLETIN

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TO: Physicians participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program

FROM: Vivianne M. Chaumont, Director   
Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care

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RE: Physician Application of Fluoride Varnish

Effective April 20, 2009, Nebraska Medicaid began coverage of fluoride varnish applications done in the physician's office.

Fluoride varnish is not a substitute for fluoridated water or toothpaste, but provides an added benefit for children who are at high risk for dental decay. The younger the child is when the varnish is applied to the primary teeth, the better – usually as soon as the front teeth erupt in the mouth. Because more young children are being seen for early screening and preventative care with their pediatrician or family physician, this is an excellent additional place to access this service.

Medicaid will cover application of fluoride varnish as follows:

- The application is to be billed using HCPCS codes **D1203** or **D1206** with the diagnosis code **V07.31** (prophylactic fluoride administration). Current reimbursement for these codes is \$9.00 per application.
- The service is limited to Medicaid recipients 12 years of age and younger.
- The service will be covered up to three times in a 12 month period.
- The fluoride varnish application can be billed and reimbursed in addition to a well child check or appropriate level evaluation and management code.

Free dental educational materials for your patients can be ordered online at:

[www.dhhs.ne.gov/dental/resources/](http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/dental/resources/)

For information on how to apply fluoride varnish, contact the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS) Office of Oral Health and Dentistry at (402) 471-4411 or (800) 745-9311.

For questions about Medicaid coverage, billing or reimbursement, contact Lorelee Novak, R.N., Program Specialist – Physician Services at (402) 471-9368.